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**Key Events of the Civil Rights Movement**

**Directions:** As you hear from other groups, please complete the following chart with notes in your own words. Please include: Who, what, when, where, why, and include a picture.

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| **Key Event/Date** | **Description of Event** | **Key People/Groups** | **Lasting Effects** |
| **Brown v. Board of Education** (pg. 382 and 384) | * Supreme Court decision that declared segregation in schools unconstitutional * Linda Brown wanted to attend her neighborhood school, but couldn’t because it was white-only. * 4 plaintiffs came together in this suit to halt segregation in schools   http://raisinsun9.wikispaces.com/file/view/brown_vs._board.jpg/292071551/brown_vs._board.jpg | * NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) * Thurgood Marshall (attorney for the plaintiffs) * Linda Brown * Supreme Court (Chief Justice: Earl Warren) | * Catalyst to begin de-segregating schools |
| **Little Rock Nine** (pg. 384) | * September 1957 * Nine African American students started school at a previously all-white school * Students entered the school with a military escort * De-segregation of Little Rock schools   http://www.marquette.edu/littlerocknine/images/lr9_students.jpg | * Elizabeth Eckford * Orval Forbus * 9 total African Americans * President Dwight D. Eisenhower | * Integration of schools * *Brown vs. Board of Education* was enforced by the Federal Government |
| **Montgomery Bus Boycott** (pg. 383) | * 1955-56 * Montgomery, AL * Protest against segregation on buses by boycotting the public transportation system and walking to where they needed to be * Sparked by Rosa Parks’s refusal to give up her seat   http://www.blackpast.org/files/blackpast_images/bus_boycott.jpg | * Martin Luther King Jr. * African American people in Montgomery * Montgomery Improvement Association * Rosa Parks | * Segregation on buses was over * First major organized protest of Civil Rights Movement |
| **The Freedom Rides** (pg. 387) | * Started on May 4, 1961 * Protest against segregation on interstate buses (federal jurisdiction) * Trip started in Washington DC 🡪 Alabama (site of most violence) 🡪Jackson, Mississippi * Protestors were attacked with clubs, firebombs, etc. * Police looked the other way while protestors were attacked   http://www.blackpast.org/files/blackpast_images/Freedom_Riders.jpg | * CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) * KKK * Protestors (mostly students), who were trained in nonviolence | * Interstate buses remained segregated * Raised awareness of the cause and the CRM in general |
| **The March on Washington for Freedom and Jobs** (pg. 389) | * 200,000 – 300,000 people (white and black) marched on Washington DC at the Lincoln Memorial * August 28, 1963 * Site of Martin Luther King Jr’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech * Jackie Robinson (famous baseball player; first black player to play in MLB) also attended * Goal was to gain Civil Rights protections as well as more economic opportunities for African Americans   http://i.huffpost.com/gen/1209111/thumbs/r-MARCH-ON-WASHINGTON-ANNIVERSARY-large570.jpg?6 | * MLK * A. Philip Randolf * Whitney M. Young * John Lewis * James Farmer * Bayard Rustin | * Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed * Discrimination was outlawed |
| **Civil Rights Act of 1964** (pg. 389) | * Ended segregation in public places * Ended employment discrimination based on race, gender, and national origin   http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcS1V0k_q98inR_DV6CzN39GvsVHBzpUM4TzQZ0_T0Ck5H4mODGm | * President John F. Kennedy * President Lyndon B. Johnson | * Voting Rights Act of 1965 |
| **Voting Rights Act of 1965** (pg. 391) | * August 6, 1965 * Removed barriers facing African Americans voting, including outlawing literacy tests and poll taxes * Enforced the 15th Amendment * Signed by Lyndon B. Johnson | * President Lyndon B. Johnson | * Allowed African Americans to vote with fewer restrictions * Pieces of Act were declared void in 2013 |
| **Assassination of MLK Jr.** (pg. 395) | * April 4, 1968 * Memphis, TN on the balcony of a motel while giving a speech * MLK was shot dead * Led to rioting in over 100 cities   http://ionenewsone.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/mlk-assassination.jpg?w=640&h=369 | * Sniper , James Earl Ray * MLK | * Rioting across the country * Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968 |

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| **Summary: Which of the preceding events do you think was the most important in moving the country towards Civil Rights? Explain.** |